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Fiddler's Contest in Pillager is April 13

New afternoon start time



Last year's jam session

While the judges were tallying their scores, contestants at last year's Fiddler's Contest in Pillager combined their talents, playing a few familiar tunes for the audience including "Cripple Creek" and "Amazing Grace." Pictured above, from left, are fiddlers Sam Smith, Fargo, N.D.; Abigail Carey, Farmington; Sara Smith, Fargo; Shelby Huston, Minot, N.D.; Maria Mathison, Foreston; and Kevin Huston (Shelby Huston's father), providing guitar accompaniment. This year's fiddler's contest will be held Saturday, April 13, at 3 p.m. Doors open at 2 p.m. (Staples World file photo)

The 35th Annual Fiddler's Contest in Pillager will take place Saturday, April 13, at the Pillager High School's new gymnasium, beginning at 3 p.m. The doors open at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be available and the Oak Street Praise Band will provide music prior to the contest, as well as serve as emcee for the afternoon event. Sponsored by the Cass County Agricultural Soci-

ety, proceeds from the contest go towards maintaining the fairgrounds. Tickets are available at the door.

Pillager Fair Board member Lisa Fletcher said they are hoping the new start time will be more accommodating for those who have a difficult time driving at night, as well as for the fiddlers traveling from farther away.

Fiddlers spanning the ages of five to 75-plus are expected to arrive from various locations in Minnesota and parts of North Dakota. They will compete in their respective age groups, performing two pieces each.

In addition to the cash prizes offered to the fiddlers, a grand raffle and in-house raffle will take place during the course of the evening. The 2019 'Citizen of the Year' will be announced at some point during the event.

For more information and to register, contact Lisa Fletcher by phone at 218-330-8383 or email fletcherlisa@gmail.com. Pillager High School is located at 323 E. 2nd St.



Fun at the farm

What better way to spend spring break than to build forts in the hay-mow? Cousins Heidi and Henry Zimmerman; and Lydia and Jacob Roelofs, all of Motley, had a great time March 23, at the farm owned by their grandparents Ernie and Diane Haehnel of rural Motley. In addition to playing in the hay, the cousins helped tend to the sheep at the farm. Pictured, top row from left, are Heidi, Lydia and Jacob. Henry is pictured in the hay fort. They all did their share of feeding the sheep and tending to the newborn lambs that day; and Jacob had the job of watching the gate, he said. Pictured in lower photo with one of the lambs is Lydia. Close to 300 lambs are expected to be born during the lambing season (approximately six weeks), said Becky Roelofs, one of the Haehnels' daughters. The season started Jan. 28, and they have had three sets of quadruplets and several sets of triplets born so far this year. She is glad that her children have had the opportunity to experience farm life just as she did, growing up at the Haehnel farm. "It's the best thing for teaching kids about good work ethic," Becky said. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Law enforcement reports, Motley area

Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) and Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) included the following:

March 18 - The MPD assisted at an incident that took place at 16 Hwy 10 S. in Motley, during which Matthew Jon Leigland, 25; and Michael Jacob Blandford, 27, were arrested.

March 14 - 15 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Atan Beganovic, 32; Benjamin Moon, 21.

March 20 - The MCSO

reported that while patrolling BRICKS Travel Plaza parking lot, they noticed a vehicle parked but revving its engine. The deputy stopped and noticed the driver was sleeping and pushing the gas peddle. He woke the driver, Lonnie Karkhoff and advised him of what he was doing.

March 19 - The MCSO received a call from a Motley resident who reported somebody dumping garbage in his trash can. The responding deputy assisted him in

looking through the bags but no names or addresses were found.

March 15 - The MCSO paged out the Motley Fire Department to provide mutual aid for the Staples Fire Department at a fire in Staples. The apartment was located at the 11000 block of Cty 32 SW.

March 10 - The MCSO observed a vehicle in the ditch on Hwy 10 near Ridge Road, and after checking on the vehicle discovered the driver sitting in the driver's seat asleep. The

deputy woke the driver and upon speaking with him learned his name was James Cody Whittenton, 32. Whittenton stated he had been in the ditch for a few hours and was very cold. Subsequently, Whittenton was issued a citation for driving after revocation. The deputy gave him a ride to BRICKS Travel Center so he could warm up and call for a ride.

March 7 - 12 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Patricia Welch, 60; Norman Cole, 56; Kathleen Zwack, 21; Anna Bloomquist, 19; and Kelli Johnson, 38.

March 12 - The MPD issued a stop sign violation citation to a juvenile.

Ask A Trooper

By Sgt. Jesse Grabow
Minnesota State Patrol

Question: If I sell my vehicle to a private party, what do you recommend I do to protect myself in the event the new owner gets into a crash or is arrested prior to them transferring the title into their name?

Answer: This can be an issue for you if the vehicle you sold is ever involved in a hit and run or pursuit and the driver flees the scene. Law enforcement may be contacting the registered owner in an attempt to locate that person who was driving. There are steps that will help protect you as the seller or buyer of a vehicle from a private party. When you sell a vehi-

cle, you, owner/seller, are responsible to file the "Notice of Sale" within ten days of the sale. This is located in the lower portion of the Certificate of Title. By doing this in a timely manner, this protects you and helps law enforcement by having access to the most current registered owner information in the event that your vehicle's license plates are entered for any reason. Also, create some type of receipt that has the buyer's information recorded on it and date of sale and keep this document so you have proof of when you sold that vehicle and to whom.

This brings up the importance of transferring the vehicle title as soon as

possible when purchasing a vehicle from a private party. Minnesota state law says that you have to transfer the vehicle's title within ten days of the date of sale, other than a sale by or to a licensed motor vehicle dealer.

New residents have a 60-day grace period in which to register their cars, passenger vans, 3/4 ton or less pickups, motorcycles, utility trailers or house trailers as long as the displayed license plates are current. If your registration expires before the 60-day grace period is up, you must obtain Minnesota registration at the time of expiration.

Cass County Sheriff's Office reports

Recent reports from the Cass County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) included the following:

• March 22 - The CCSO responded to a report of an attempt to locate at Wilderness Dr. SW, Pillager.

• March 19 - The CCSO received a report of a burglary at the 500 block of W. 7th St. N, Pillager.

• March 23 - The CCSO reported a controlled burn at 4664 State Hwy 210 SW, Pillager.

• March 22 - The CCSO responded to an incident at the 200 block of Hazel Ave. W, Pillager.

• March 22 - The CCSO responded to an incident at the 11000 block of 65th Ave. SW, Motley.

• March 18 - The CCSO responded to a report of disorderly conduct at the 500 block of W. 7th St. N, Pillager.

• March 20 - The CCSO reported a person driving under the influence at the 7000 block of 120th St. SW, Motley.

• March 20 - The CCSO responded to a report of

harassment at the 300 block of E. 2nd St. S, Pillager.

• March 18 - The CCSO responded to an incident at the 8000 block of 100th St. SW in Motley.

• March 20 - The CCSO responded to an incident at the 9000 block of State Hwy 64 SW, Motley.

• March 18 - The CCSO responded to an incident at the 1000 block of 85th Ave. SW, Motley.

• March 23 - The CCSO responded to an incident at the 5000 block of 64th St. SW, Motley.

• March 23 - The CCSO responded to an incident at the 8000 block of 84th St. SW, Staples.

• March 22 - The CCSO received a report of property damage at the 8000 block of 120th St. SW, Motley.

• March 20 - The CCSO received a report of threats made at the 300 block of E. 2nd St. S, Pillager.

• March 22 - The CCSO conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of State Hwy 64 SW and 52nd in Staples.

Two needed to work with Lake Shamineeau Lake Improvement District

Lake Shamineeau Lake Improvement District is working with DNR (Aquatic Invasive Species) Ambassador Program.

They are seeking two people, 18 years old or older, to educate boat landing users about 'Clean-Drain-Dry.'

Interested applicants must attend a paid two-hour training with a DNR Supervisor. The program runs May 11 - Sept. 2, with approximately 12 hours paid per weekend. For more information, call 218-296-2933.

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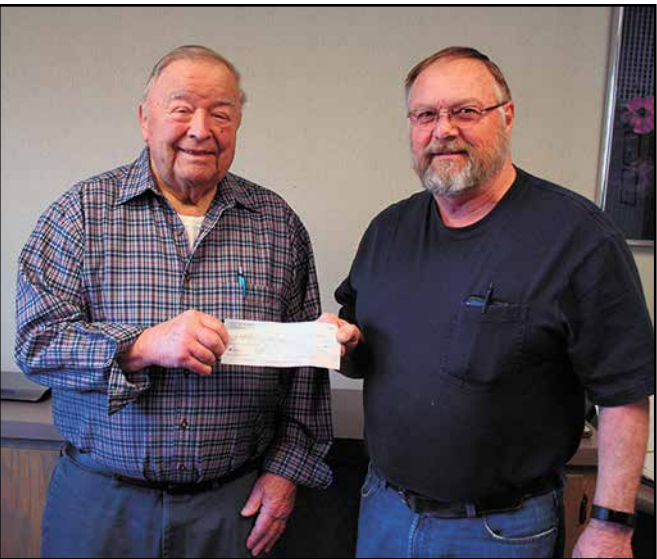
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Donations to food shelf

During two separate pancake events in Staples, money was raised for the Staples Area Food Shelf. Above, Frank Leidenfrost (left), food shelf volunteer, accepts a \$500 check from Larry Odden, on behalf of the Knights of Columbus who recently held a pancake breakfast at Sacred Heart Church. Below: Leidenfrost (right) accepts a \$471 dollar check from Roger Houselog, on behalf of Trinity Lutheran Church, which held a pancake supper on Fat Tuesday. Donations are still being accepted during March, Food Share Month. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Dairy Producer Night Out, March 28

UofM Extension and Minnesota Dairy Initiatives will host a Dairy Producer Night Out, Thursday, March 28, from 7:30 p.m.- 9 p.m. at the Thunder Lodge Sports Bar & Supper Club, at 22056 Hwy 71, Long Prairie. The purpose of the Dairy Producer Night Out is to bring local dairy producers together for an evening of networking, education and fun.

The Dairy Producer Night Out is offered free of charge with vouchers given to attendees to help cover the cost of food.

This event will include a short presentation on calf scours and health from Dr. Steve Baldwin of Freeport Veterinary Service. Dr. Baldwin will discuss the symptoms, prevention, and treatment of scours, as well as, overall calf health.

Any current dairy producer is invited to attend the Dairy Producer Night Out on March 28. To help with meal planning, RSVP by March 21; to Brenda Miller at the Todd County Extension Office at: nels4220@umn.edu or 320-533-4655.



JOB OPPORTUNITY:
Maintenance Supervisor

The Maintenance Supervisor assists in the management of the day-to-day operations of the County Highway Department Maintenance Division; monitors the quality of road maintenance; assigns work and trains new employees; and related work as apparent or assigned.

Entry level salary for the position is \$49,120 with an excellent benefit package.

To be considered, a Swift County application, resumé and cover letter **must** be received by 4:30 pm on April 5, 2019. An application packet can be found at www.swiftcounty.com/jobs. Questions? Call 320-314-8321.

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75 YEARS Ago - 1944

• March 30, 1944 - As usual, this year the annual united Good Friday church service will again be conducted in Staples, this year being held in the Church of Christ. The services will start at 1:00 o'clock and continue until 2:45.

The theme for the worship service this season will be "The Seven Last Words." This theme will be discussed by the following pastors of the Staples churches: Rev. Bergman, pastor of the host church; Rev. James Standing of

the Methodist church; Dr. J. A. Burns; Rev. A. B. Bergh of the First English Lutheran church; Rev. Harris Johnson of the Christian Missionary Alliance church, and Rev. F. B. Sharkey of the First Congregational church. The services will conclude at 2:45 in order to give people an opportunity to go to the Methodist church where a children's program is being presented.

• March 30, 1944 - Stanley Eddy, owner and proprietor of the Eddy Motor Company in Staples, announced this week that he will start the erection of a new, modern and up-to-date garage building the middle of April. The building will be located on Third Street and Second Avenue where the present George Dnnehey residence and tire shop is located. The residence has been sold to W. J. Blaha, who will move the house one block west on his lots. The present tire shop and storage room on the west end of the lot will be razed in preparation for the erection of the new structure.

• March 30, 1944 - After having been closed for nearly two months, the Severson Cash Market is about ready for it formal opening, the date for which has been set for Wednesday, April 5.

Considerable improvement has been underway at the store building the past several weeks. A new black and yellow vitrolite front has been installed, new plate glass windows have been placed in steel frames, and the entrance has been changed to the southwest corner of the building facing First Avenue.

50 YEARS Ago - 1969

• March 27, 1969 - Neil Krough, Instructor of Tool and Die Design at the Staples Area Vocational-Technical school, was elected president of the Staples Lions club for the 1969-70 year. Mr. Krough succeeds Lambert Klose. He will officially assume the presidency on June 1.

Other officers chosen by the organization to serve with Mr. Krough include: Robert C. Lee, first vice president; Dr. T. J. Lelwica, second vice president; James D. Randgaard, third vice president; Vern Seipkes, secretary; Donald Dravis, tail twister; George Scioli, assistant tail twister; Gregory Reese, Lion tamer; Loren Cameron, Morris Lundgren, William Peterson and Francis Macknikowski, directors.

• March 27, 1969 - Two more girls have entered the Staples Dairy Princess contest bringing the total to four presently vying for the crown now held by Sharon Gaugert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gaugert.

Entering the contest this past week were Karen Carlson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carlson, of rural Browerville, and Sherry Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller of rural Staples. Both contestants are attending Staples high school and will graduate May 27.

• March 27 - 1969 - By action of the Board of Education at their meeting last week, Melvin Nefstead of the Area Vocational-Technical school faculty, was appointed as the assistant athletic director in the Sta-

ples public school system. Mr. Nefstead will assume his duties as assistant athletic director with the start of the 1969-70 school year in September. He will be working under the direction of John Rengel, assistant principal and athletic director.

25 YEARS Ago - 1994

• March 31, 1994 - The parent company of the Motley Seafest plant has reversed a decision from last fall and is no longer trying to sell the local plant and its sister operations.

International Multi-foods Corporation said March 18 that it was reversing its earlier decision to sell its surimi business because it was not satisfied with the offers it had received.

• March 31, 1994 - Bobbi Huff and Seth Sams have been chosen as Girls State and Boys State representatives, respectively, from the Staples area. The 11th graders from Staples Area High School will participate in the citizenship experiences June 12 - 18. Minnesota Boys State is at St. Olaf College at Northfield and Girls State is at Bethel College in St. Paul. Daryn Lecy and Beth Beaman, also juniors, are the alternates if the chosen representative cannot attend.

• March 31, 1994 - Spot Cafe in Staples advertised its delicious "Easter Dinner Special." Their baked ham dinner, for \$5.50, included mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, dinner rolls and an Easter Bunny.

• March 31, 1994 - Now showing at the Staples Cinema, "Mrs. Doubtfire," rated PG-13. Coming next:

"Blank Check," rated PG-13. Theatre prices: 6 & under, \$1; Ages 7 - 13 - \$2; Age 14 and older, \$3.

10 YEARS Ago - 2009

• March 26, 2009 - A District Court Judge on March 18 dismissed the last remaining legal case stemming from the Staples Historical Society's internal dispute over who constituted the board of directors.

• March 26, 2009 - While Fargo and the Red River Valley are fighting flooding, central Minnesota has an abundance of water from the snow melt and recent rainfalls as well. Front page pictures indicated the Partridge River's heavy flow had created small lakes Monday on both sides of Wadena County Road 29 where it flows under in three culverts. And, the fourth fairway at The Vintage golf course was more water than dry ground with one of the course's trees reflected in a pool of water. More moisture was expected in the latter half of the week to add to this mess.

• March 26, 2009 - Valerie Johnson of Motley was recently presented with the Girl Scouts of the USA Appreciation Pin. This award is presented to an individual that is an active adult Girl Scout volunteer.

• March 26, 2009 - About 160 people enjoyed pancakes, sausages and hash browns at the Leader Community Center March 22, the 11th annual breakfast hosted by the Leader Lions. A free-will offering was taken, with over \$800 raised for the Motley Area Food Shelf.



Staples Host Lions donate to food shelf

The Staples Host Lions recently made a \$3,500 donation to the Staples Area Food Shelf. Pictured, from left, are Neil Koppes, Dawn Adamietz, Rick Adamietz, food shelf volunteers; Mike Gold,

Staples Host Lions President; Gary Knosalla, Charlene Sauer, food shelf volunteers. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

VA's Appeals Modernization Act

Veterans Notes
By David A Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

Note: Freedom Express a Non-Emergency Medical Transport company is up and in operation in Wadena County. The Van is ADA-Compliant and Wheelchair accessible. This is a Veteran Owned 24/7 Operating Company that provides coffee and snacks on board the Van. All Veterans will receive a 10% Discount. Contact Mike Dozier at 218 616-2679.

On Feb. 20, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it has implemented the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017, which was signed into law Aug. 23, 2017, and represents one of the most significant statutory changes to benefit Veterans in decades.

"This was a historic day for VA, its stakeholders and, most importantly, for Veterans and their families," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "The implementation of the Appeals Modernization Act comes as a direct result of collaboration among VA, Congress and Veteran Service Organizations to deliver on Veterans' longstanding desire for reform of the legacy appeals system. Beginning

today, Veterans will have greater choice in how VA reviews their disagreement with a VA claims decision and enjoy timely resolutions of disagreements through a streamlined process."

Veterans who appeal a VA claims decision have three decision review options:

Higher-Level Review, Supplemental Claim and Appeal to the Board of Veterans' Appeals.

• In the Higher-Level Review option, a more experienced adjudicator will conduct a new review of the previous decision.

• Veterans who select the Supplemental Claim option may submit new and relevant evidence, and VA will assist in developing new evidence under its duty to assist.

• If Veterans appeal a decision to the Board, they can choose one of three dockets: direct review, evidence or hearing.

VA's goal is to complete Supplemental Claims and Higher-Level Reviews in an average of 125 days, and decisions appealed to the Board for direct review in an average of 365 days. Under the legacy process, decisions averaged three to seven years.

VA remains committed to reducing significantly the inventory of legacy appeals. VA's fiscal year 2019 budget included funding for 605 addi-

tional appeals employees, which VA used to establish two new Decision Review Operations Centers at the St. Petersburg, Florida, and Seattle, Washington, regional offices. The former Appeals Resource Center in Washington, D.C., was converted to a third Decision Review Operations Center.

For more than 18 months, VA has worked toward full implementation of the Appeals Modernization Act, but reform has been a goal for VA and its stakeholders for years. In March 2016, VA sponsored an "Appeals Summit" in which VA, Veterans Service Organizations, Veterans advocates and Congress worked together to design a new appeals system. The summit resulted in the drafting, passage and implementation of the Appeals Modernization Act. For more information on Appeals Modernization, visit www.va.gov/decision-reviews. [Source Donnie La Curan in Veteran News February 20, 2019]

Please see your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at (218) 631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us and as always have a great week.

Working with teens staff, parent training

Parents of teens and professionals who work with teens, can attend a free training session being offered in Staples.

"Roll with Resistance: Communication Skill Building for Parents and Others," will be held Monday, April 29, at

Sourcewell in Staples
For professionals working with teens, a session will be held from 3-5 p.m.

For parents of teens, the session will be held from 5:30-8 p.m.

This training offers ways to communicate more effectively with the teens

in your life. Attendees will learn valuable tools from Russ Turner, Senior Training Manager at People Incorporated Training Institute, Minneapolis.

Email Connie Burns (connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us) to reserve a spot for the free training. Indicate

if you'll need childcare, have food allergies and which presentation you'll attend.

For parents who can't attend in person, it can be viewed on Facebook Live.

Deadline to reserve is April 15.

Al Yoder, Mayor 320-630-9315
Jace Carlson 218-330-9408
Amy Hutchison 218-839-0870
Steve Johnson 218-352-6630
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Fairy Tale storytime at Staples Library

Storytime held at the Staples Public Library Roundhouse during March was all about Fairy Tales. Singing, reading books and making Fairy Tale characters on sticks was enjoyed by the children. Snacks were provided by the Friends of the Library. The next Storytime will be held Weds., April 10 at 10:30 a.m. To register call the library at: 218-894-1401 All events are also listed on the web page at www.griver.org

Above, left to right: Ava Moore, Evelyn Ohman, Henry Ohman, Everett Hanson, Grace Hanson and Owen Denning, front. (Submitted photo)

Staples Public Library programs

The Staples Public Library is offering the following programs:

Book Club for adults

MARCH 28 - If you enjoy reading and discussing books, this is the group for you. A fun opportunity to learn interesting facts about the authors and share your opinions. Contact the library for the monthly book selection and to sign up. The Book Club meets the fourth Thursday of each month from 6 - 7 p.m. Teens and adults welcome.

Robotics Boot Camp

APRIL 2 - Join the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) through robotics. We will learn about building and programming robots and even build our own robot to complete tasks for us. You will get to drive a robot that you help design and even have it bring you a snack.

For grades 2nd - 6th. Registration required, class size limited to eight. Tuesday, April 2, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

STEM Boot Camp

APRIL 2 - Join us for a night of coding chaos with Code-a-pillars. Each piece of the Code-a-pillar moves it in a different way. See if you and your team can get it to complete a challenge, get to the target or just explore under the table. For ages four and up. Registration required, class size limited to 10. Tuesday, April 2, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Minnesota Workforce Center visits

APRIL 3 - A Workforce Center staff person will be available the first Wednesday of each month to assist job seekers with resumes, accessing online job sites and any other one-on-one assistance. For adults. Wednesdays beginning April 3, between 2 - 4 p.m.

Tech Time
APRIL 3 - Trouble understanding your laptop, iPad, Kindle or other electronic devices? Would you like to download books from the library website or use eBooks but aren't sure how to? Tech help will be available the first Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. - noon. Call ahead or drop in for individual help from a Great River Regional Librarian. For teens and adults.

For more information, contact the library at 218-894-1401.

The Staples Public Library is located at 122 6th St. NE Staples: the hours are: Mon. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue. 2-8 p.m., Weds. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs. 2-8 p.m., Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar

Weekly events

ONGOING EVENTS POSTED LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH:

AA MTGS AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL MAIN CAMPUS, STAPLES, CLASSROOM A: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.. For info., 218-371-0573.

AA MTGS AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, PILLAGER: Tuesdays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-839-1804.

AA MTGS AT MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH: Wednesdays, noon; Fridays, noon. For more info., 218-296-1512.

AA MTG AT MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Mondays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-639-9743.

AA MTGS IN VERNDALE: Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m., 106 S. Thompson. For info., 218-640-1365 and 218-640-6644.

CHRISTIANS IN RECOVERY MTG Thursdays, 7 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 720-308-8700.

DUAL RECOVERY ANONYMOUS MEETING Fridays, 4 p.m., Northern Pines, 11 2nd St. SW, Wadena. For info., 218-631-1714.

TOPS (TAKING OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) CHAPTER #1077 OF STAPLES Tuesdays, Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m., meeting follows. For info., 218-639-0544.

WEIGHT WATCHERS MTG Mondays, Lakewood Health System main campus, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m.; Mtg., 5:30 p.m. For info., 218-639-4888.

Monthly events

'ADULT SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS' SUPPORT GROUP MTG third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOC. CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP MTG first and third Thursday, 3 - 4 p.m., Reflections Intensive Outpatient (IOP) rm., Lakewood Health System's senior campus, Staples. For info, 218-894-8288 or 218-894-8195.

FOOT CARE CLINICS sponsored by Lakewood Health System, first Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., LHS, Staples clinic; third Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt. and price information, 218-894-8080.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MTG first Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS MTG second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

MOTLEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MTG second Tuesday, 1 p.m., Motley City Hall (except Jan. and Feb.). For more info., 218-352-6137 or 218-352-6699.

'PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD' SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP MTG first Monday, 1:30 p.m., Edgewood Vista dining room, 14211 Firewood Dr., Baxter. For info., 218-829-4017.

SENIOR HEALTH CLINIC sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, second Wednesday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., at Wadena County Public Health, 22 Dayton Ave. SE, Wadena. Health screenings include blood pressure,

foot care, health info. and referrals. For info., 218-631-7629.

TODD COUNTY REPUBLICANS MTG third Thursday, 7 p.m., St. Matthew's Church, Clarissa. For info., 320-533-1119.

WADENA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY COMMITTEE MTG third Monday, 6:30 p.m., The Hub 71 in Sebeka. Anyone interested in joining, welcome. For info., email DFLWadenaCo-Chair@yahoo.com.

WAHOO VALLEY AREA MN DEER HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION MTG second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Wahoo Valley (except Nov. and Jan.). For info, 218-640-5423.

WOMEN OF TODAY MTG first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Landmark Inn, Staples.

March 27

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, 1 - 4 p.m., through April 10, Staples Community Center. No appt. needed. For low to moderate income taxpayers. For info., 218-894-5772.

March 28

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG Thurs., March 28, 7:30 - 9:45 p.m., Wadena VFW. Myron Hollatz, caller. For info., 320-760-6043.

March 30

FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST Sat., March 30, 8 - 10 a.m., Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S. For info., 218-352-6466.

April 3

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 70 MTG Wed., April 3, 2 p.m., Staples Lions Bldg. Bring volunteer record. Agenda: Poppy program. For info., 218-894-2254.

Cardinal Calendar

SM school events

March

• **SUB-SECTION VOCAL LARGE GROUP CONTEST AT SM** March 27.

April

• **SUB-SECTION INSTRUMENTAL SOLO/ENSEMBLE CONTEST** April 3

• **SUB-SECTION VOCAL SOLO/ENSEMBLE CONTEST** April 10

• **SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL** April 17, at SMHS

• **PROM** April 27

• **FFA STATE CONVENTION** April 28 - 30

• **BELL CHOIR/JAZZ BAND DINNER CONCERT** April 29

COZY THEATRE
WADENA, MN

Screen 1

DUMBO PG

Fri. thru Thurs. March 29 - April 18
Fri. & Sat. 2 Shows at 7:00 & 9:15
Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:00
Matinees Sat. & Sun. March 30 & 31 at 1:15 pm

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Fri. thru Thurs. March 29 - April 4
Fri. & Sat. 2 Shows at 7:10 & 9:30
Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:10
Matinees Sat. & Sun. March 30 & 31 at 1:25 pm

Screen 3

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Fri. thru Thurs. March 29 - April 11
Fri. & Sat. 2 Shows at 7:15 & 9:30
Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:15
Matinees Sat. & Sun. March 30 & 31 at 1:30 pm

WHAT SHE SAW CHANGED EVERYTHING

UNPLANNED

Tuesday Bargain Night All Seats \$5.00
Matinee Admission All Seats \$6.00
www.cozytheatre.com

Join the Cardinal Team!

ENROLLMENT NIGHT

Discover the **Preschool, Kindergarten, and Jump Start Kindergarten** educational options in store for you this fall.

ONE NIGHT ONLY
Thursday, April 4th 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Staples-Motley Elementary School

BUILDING FUTURE CARDINALS

Staples-Motley Elementary
1025 4th St NE
Staples, MN 56479
218.894.5400
www.isd2170.k12.mn.us

- Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.)
- Meet & Greet Teachers
- Preschool Sessions at 5:30 & 6:30
- JS Kindergarten & Kindergarten Options
- Bus rides at 6:00, 6:15, & 6:30

All TWEC members are invited to join us at our

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 16
Maslowski Wellness and Research Center
(17 5th Street SW, Wadena)
Electric Vehicle (EV) Open House: 3:00 p.m.
EV Deep Dive 4:00 p.m.
Free Swim 4:00-6:30 p.m.
Bingo: 4:30 p.m.
Business meeting: 5:30 p.m.
Meal to follow

Cash Management Specialist

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Citizens Alliance Bank
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Clara City, MN 56222

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Our DON will assist in the hiring, evaluation and counseling of the nursing department staff. Other responsibilities will include:

- Planning & leading the nursing services of the department
- Regulatory compliance policies & procedures
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Qualifications include: State RN licensure; excellent communication skills; knowledge in Quality Assurance & Assessment; two years RN experience & minimum of two years in the areas of long term care, restorative, geriatric or psychiatric nursing, with at least one year in a supervisor capacity; & knowledgeable on applicable rules & regulations.

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SENIOR LIVING

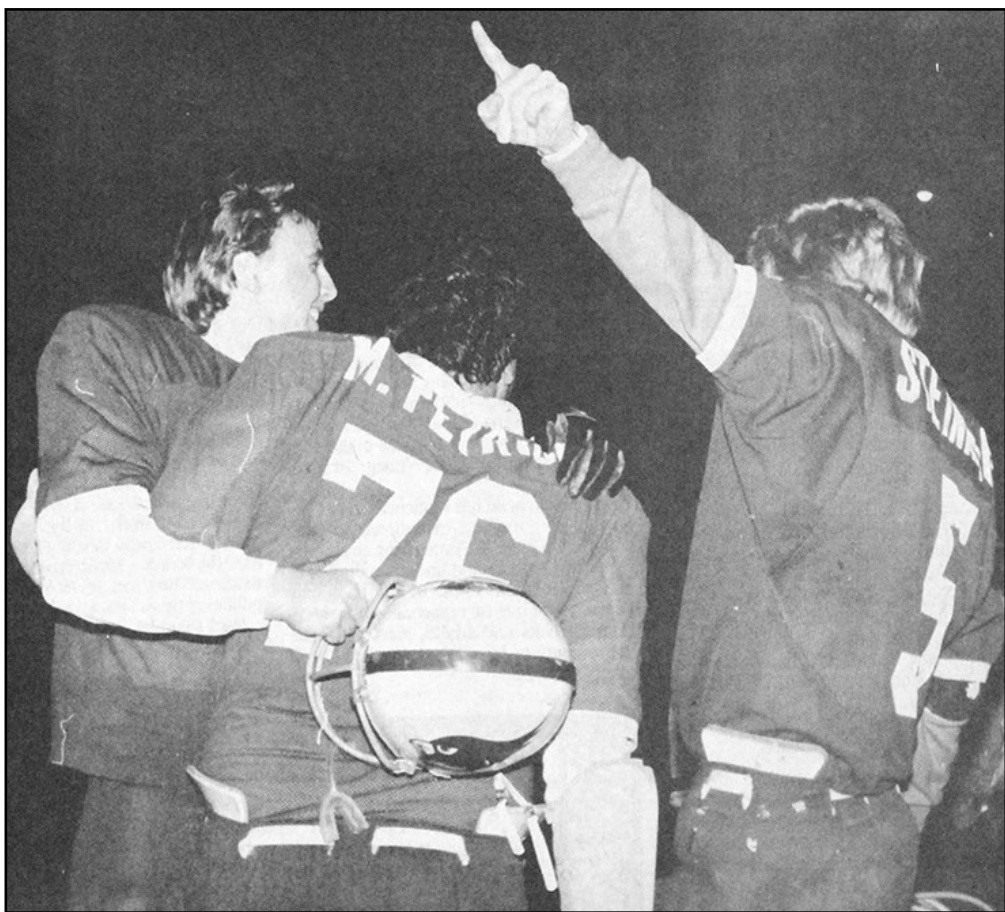
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State semifinal in the snow

From the 1988 Staples World: As the snowfall got heavier, the Cardinal offense breaks from the huddle, starting a 99 yard scoring drive against Totino Grace in the state semifinal. The Cardi-

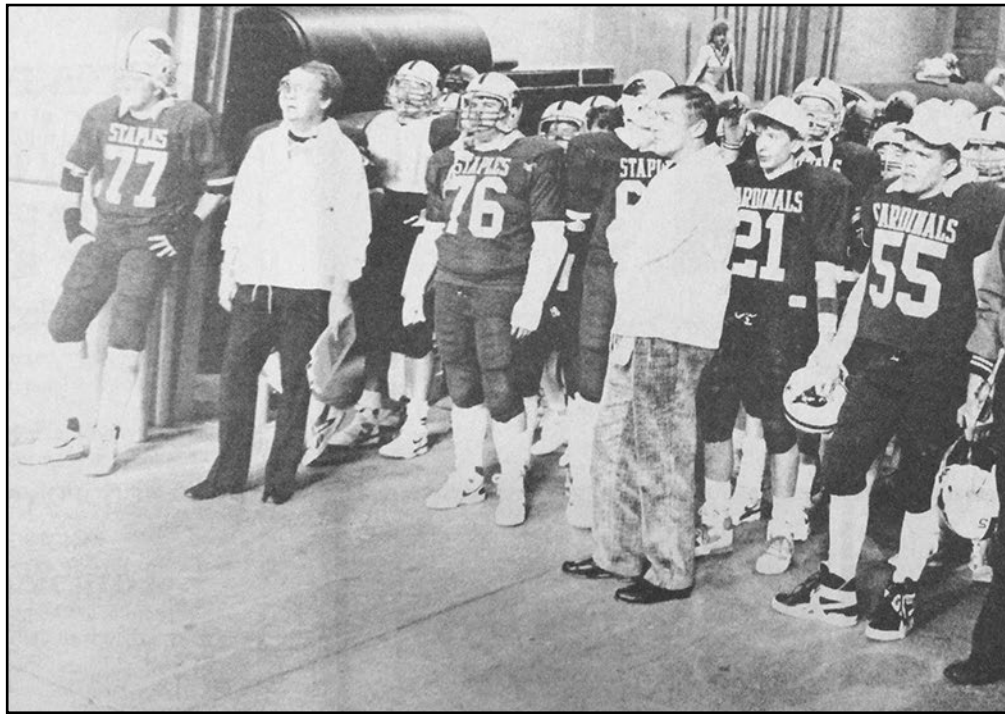
nals didn't let the snow slow them, scoring on a touchdown pass on their first play from scrimmage, and the 99 yard drive gave them a 35-20 lead late in the game.



Winning first state playoff game

Mike Petrich (76) gets a big hug from Jamie Maloney as Loren Steinkraus (5) raises the single digit for "number

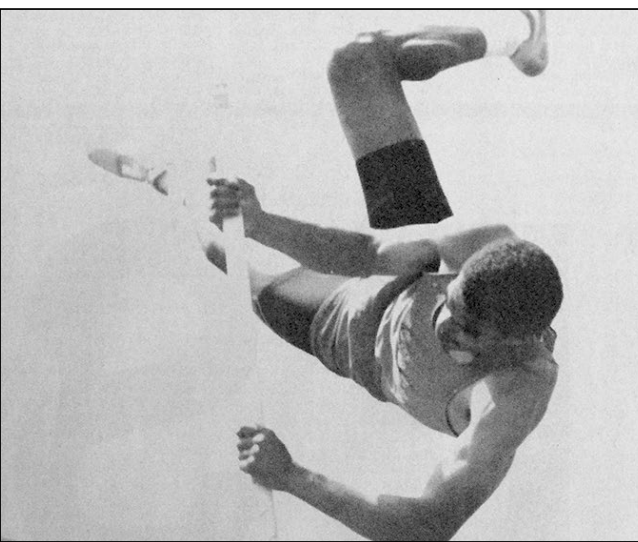
one," after their 27-18 win over Mora in the state quarterfinals.



Dome moment

It was the first year of pairing for Staples and Motley schools, and the football players bonded all the way to the state championship in the Metrodome.

Pictured, the Cardinals wait to take the field after halftime, led by coach Tom Honek. The team fell one score short in the title game, falling to Lakeville 35-28.



Three sports at the state level

Arden Beachy (6) was the quarterback of the Staples state runner-up football team, and also helped the team to state tournament appearances in basketball. In

track, he qualified for state in the pole vault and hurdles. Beachy is one of four individuals to be honored at the Hall of Fame induction on April 5.

Staples-Motley Hall of Fame ceremony April 5

Coaches Don Dravis, Bill Finn and Jerry Riewer, athletes Del Cerney, Arden Beachy, Warren Mertens and Bob Peterson, the 1985 Staples girls basketball team and the 1988 Staples-Motley football team, plus supporters Derald and Juanita Miller as at-large inductees.

The Hall of Fame Committee will host an award presentation ceremony on Friday, April 5, at Staples-Motley Centennial Auditorium. Doors open at 6 p.m.

with a reception and the program will start at 6:30.

Following the induction ceremony, a gathering is scheduled for Timbers Restaurant Event Center for social time with the inductees.

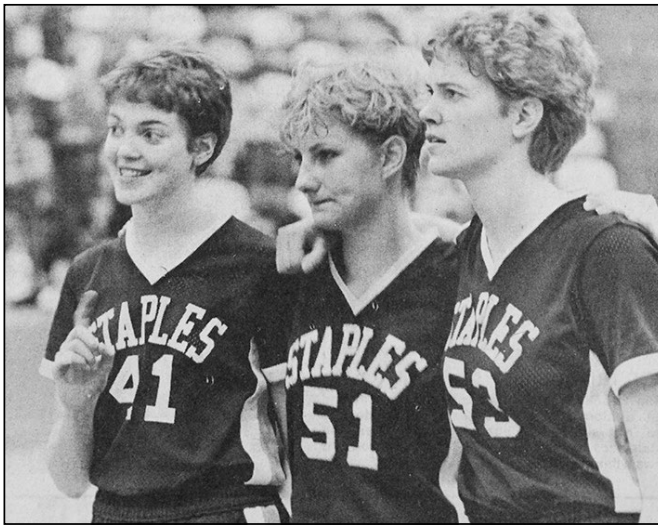
This page features the two hall of fame teams, the 1985 girls basketball state champions and the 1988 football state runner-up,



Championship attention

Coach Ron Beachy is interviewed by the Twin Cities press, while the Staples girls hold their state title trophy. The Cardinals beat East Grand Forks 60-

43, gave Edgerton-Southwest Christian their first loss of the season, 50-35, and won the title by beating Milroy 49-39.



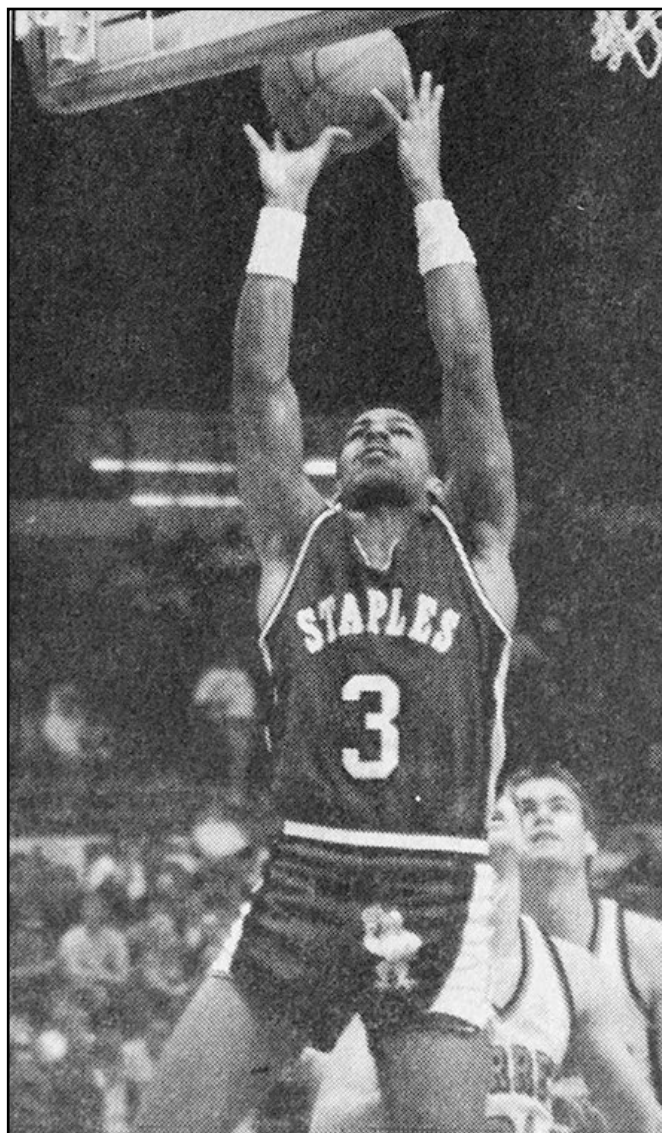
The glow of a state title

Kari Wolhowe, Kyra Odden and Kristi Wolhowe wait for their first place medals after winning the state championship in 1985. Kari scored 9 points, Kyra 12 and Kristi 14 in the title game.



State hustle

Ramelle Beachy hits the floor to get a loose ball while Darci Peterson (33) waits for the pass. Peterson scored 18 points in this semifinal game to lead the team.





1985 state basketball champions

Front row from left, Ramelle Beachy, Kristi Wolhowe, Kyra Odden, Darci Peterson and Kari Wolhowe; back row, Tosha Martell, Tricia Bates, Kris Borash, Annette Pugsly, Kristi Anderson, Karla Howard and Deanne Olander.

Moose population fairly low but remains stable

Results of the 2019 moose survey indicate northeastern Minnesota's moose population remains stable but relatively low for the eighth year in a row, according to the Department of Natural Resources. "We're encouraged that the moose population is not in the steep decline it was," said Glenn DelGiudice, DNR moose and deer project leader. "In the short to medium term, we're likely to keep seeing moose in the forests, lakes and swamps of northeastern Minnesota. But their long-term survival here in Minnesota remains uncertain." Survey results estimate northeastern Minnesota's moose population at 4,180, statistically unchanged from 2018's estimate of 3,030. The results reflect a 90 percent certainty that the moose population is between 3,250 and 5,580 animals. The last significant population decline occurred between 2009 and 2012. Since then, the number of moose in northeastern Minnesota has been statistically stable. Since the DNR began its modern moose surveys in 2005, northeastern Minnesota's moose population was at its highest in 2006, when survey results estimated 8,840 animals. Each subsequent year's survey estimate is compared to 2006's peak estimate to calculate the population decline. This year's population estimate is 53 percent lower than 2006, an improvement from 2018 when the estimate was 65 percent lower. Reproductive success and adult survival have the greatest impact on the annual count and dynamics of the moose population over time. "We know from our research that adult female moose are getting pregnant," DelGiudice said. "The problem is there aren't enough female moose that are successfully producing calves and raising them to one year. That's a significant challenge in our efforts to maintain Minnesota's moose population." Survey results indicate that calf survival from birth in spring to January continues to be relatively stable but consistently low. Field studies have indicated that survival rates are even lower by spring, translating to low numbers of moose calves living through their first year. The DNR's detailed field research has shown that wolf predation has consistently accounted for about two-thirds of the calf mor-

talities and one-third of the adult mortality. In some cases, injuries suffered during predation attempts – not the predation itself – ultimately killed the adult moose. In others, sickness or disease likely made the adult moose more vulnerable to predation. The annual population survey is the most critical aspect of DNR moose management. Tracking moose numbers and determining the gender and age makeup of the population allows the DNR to closely monitor the health and well-being of moose. In 2012, the DNR made nine forested areas a permanent part of the moose survey. These areas include different types of forest, including forests disturbed by events such as wildfires, blow-downs and timber harvests. Higher population counts within specific areas may indicate that moose prefer certain types of habitat. The DNR and its partners can use this information to better target current and future habitat enhancement projects to provide better conditions for long-term moose survival in Minnesota. DNR wildlife research also is in its seventh year of an extensive study to determine how winter nutrition affects moose survival and reproductive success. "There are many things we still don't know," DelGiudice said. "But our understanding of habitat preferences, population structure, nutrition and predation has significantly improved. Our goal is to use this new information to identify management options that better the chances for long-term survival of moose in northeastern Minnesota." This year's survey involved flying in 52 survey plots distributed across northeastern Minnesota's moose range from Jan. 3 to Jan. 17. While the survey is statistically sound, there is inherent uncertainty associated with it, because researchers will never see and count all of the animals across the 6,000-square-mile survey area. The DNR has conducted annual aerial moose surveys each year since 1960 in the northeast. Adjustments made to the survey in 2005 made it more accurate and its annual results more comparable from 2005 to the present. The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and 1854 Treaty Authority again contributed funding and provided personnel for the annual moose survey.

Severe winter taking a toll on wildlife

By Ray Gildow

Most wildlife was doing quite well going into early February but the extreme cold and endless snowfall has started to impact Minnesota animals. The deer that I observe in Central Minnesota still look good, but they are starting to yard up a bit and the browse they depend upon is getting harder to find. The good news is that with the soft snow we have they are still able to get around quite well without spending too much energy in moving. I have started to hear reports of people finding some dead wild turkeys. Turkeys will likely have the toughest time finding food with the snow as deep as it is, and if March and April stay cooler and wetter than normal, we could see larger losses of

wild turkeys. Grouse tend to do very well in deep snow as this allows them a place to hide and stay warm only leaving when they need to eat. Pheasants too tend to struggle in deeper snow especially with a lot of high wind. A cold wet spring is also a real detriment to hatching success for pheasants. The big question for spring is what kind of weather will we have in April. More snow or rain over frozen ground in early spring will greatly increase the chance for flooding. Flooding can damage nesting habitat and food sources for many of Minnesota's wintering wildlife. This harsh winter can also have a great impact on our lakes and rivers. Deep snow will cause smaller, shallower bodies of water

to freeze out, killing many fish. The heavy snow has also caused an absolute nightmare for anglers trying to get ice shanties off the lake by the required dates set by the DNR. Slush is the major culprit making it almost impossible to get on some lakes to remove fish houses. A cold April will also mean another year of wondering if our lakes will be thawed out for the 2019 fishing opener in May. It's too early to tell and a lot can happen in the next seven to eight weeks, but so far the trend is not looking very positive. Let's hope that the rest of spring gives wildlife, and us, a break in what has been a long and bitterly cold winter. We need a warm spring for our mental health, wildlife need it for survival.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski
Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 6:15 p.m.
Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Discipleship Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Wednesday times are for Sept. - May
Sunlight (Kids Program) 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples 218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org
Bible School (youth and adult) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Congregational Church, UCC
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service
Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street, NE., Staples 218-894-1546
Pastor: Carl Larson
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship 10:05 a.m.
Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons 218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship 10:45 am
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.
Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples 218-894-3923
Pastor Nathan Hillman
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples 218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist

310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Leslie
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults)
..... 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Aldrich

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp 701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m.
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing 218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer 4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club 6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
www.cushingbaptistchurch.org
Pastor Dan Holmes 320-749-2583
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study 7:30 p.m.
Leader
Swan Valley Lutheran
..... 218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister
of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister
of Word and Sacrament
Leader 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Leaf River Township
The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690 *Open by arrangement

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466 218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Sunday Worship 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran

497 3rd Ave. S, Motley 218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

St. Michael

1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.,
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.,
Saturday 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley 218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.org
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting 8:00 p.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Maltcore
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.
Phone 218-746-3839
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist

903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
Connection Point 9:30 a.m.
(serving coffee and donuts)

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffer
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes
..... 11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes 9:00 a.m.
Prayer 9:20 a.m.
Coffee / Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. Meal 6:30 p.m. Groups

Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Maltcore
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night 5:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

Central United Methodist
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod rd)
Pastor Chuck Horsager, 218-639-4225
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

"Lincoln's Plea"

Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God Church

A visitor to the White House during the days of the Civil War said, "I had been spending three weeks in the White House with Mr. Lincoln as his guest. One night it was just after the battle of Bull Run, I was restless and could not sleep. It was coming near to the dawn of the day, when I heard low tones proceeding from a private room, where the President slept. The door was partly open. Instinctively I walked in, and there I saw a sight which I shall never forget. It was the President kneeling before an open Bible. The light was turned low in the room. His back was toward me. I shall never forget his tones so piteous and so sorrowful. "O thou God, that heard Solomon in the night when he prayed and cried for wisdom, hear me! I cannot lead this people, I cannot guide the affairs of this nation without Thy help. I am poor and weak and sinful. O God, Thou didst hear Solomon when he cried for wisdom--hear me and save this nation." God heard, and He answered him then and there. Will He not answer TODAY?
First Baptist Church Morrisville, Pennsylvania
1 Kings 3:4 - 14 (NKJV)
Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" 6 And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You;

You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 7 Now, O Lord my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. 9 Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" 10 The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11 Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, 12 Behold, I have done according to Your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. 13 And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. 14 So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." Because Jesus is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow He can help our leaders lead this great Nation, if they will call on Him!

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Staples, MN 218-894-1775

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Crossword Puzzle

Week 11

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Punctuation mark
6. Married woman
9. Nocturnal rodent
13. Suffix
14. A way to disappoint
15. Saddle horse
16. West African country
17. Philippine island
18. "Girls" creator
Dunham
19. A type of twin
21. Groans
22. Infections
23. What a beaver makes
24. Thou
25. Make a mistake
28. Receive
29. Dresses
31. Burn the surface of
33. Where coaches observe
36. Ceremonial offices
38. Paddle
39. The body's main artery
41. Altered the original state

CLUES DOWN

1. Loose-fitting undergarment
2. Western Romanian city
3. Unit of length
4. Type of electricity
5. Article
6. Mothers
7. Monetary unit
8. Single Lens Reflex
9. Tan-colored horses
10. Region
11. Cautious in spending money
12. Belittle

Answers

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Obituaries

Elaine Melby

Elaine (Joni) Peterson Melby, 95, passed away March 19, 2019, in Mesa AZ. A graveside service will be held at a later date.

Joni was born, September 26, 1923, in Staples to Harry and Mary Peterson. She graduated from Staples High School and Concordia College in Moorhead. Joni was a high school Math teacher.

She married Winton Melby in 1946. They had two sons, James and Paul.

Joni and Winton loved to square dance and enjoyed weekly lessons and dances. Joni was an avid card player and liked to play games with family. One of her favorite memories was that of taking her four grandsons to Disney World.

Joni was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Staples and Victory Lutheran Church in Mesa. She also maintained her membership in the Order of Eastern Star.

Joni married Ralph Hvidsten in 2006. Ralph passed away January 10, 2019.

She is survived by; one son, Paul (Becky); four

grandsons, David (Charity) Peak, Eric (Julie), Dirk (Mandy) and Joshua (Megan) Melby; great-grandchildren, Jordan and Kennedy Peak and Zachary, Arianna, Tyeson, Caitlyn, Anna, Gwenyth, Amelia and Finnegan Melby; one brother, Robert Peterson (Darla); sisters-in-law LaDonna Peterson and Joan Peterson and many nieces and nephews.

Joni was preceded in death by her two husbands; one son, James; two brothers, John and Jim Peterson and two sisters and brothers-in-law Lorraine (Allen) Gilman and Donna (Baxter) Nash.

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Teresa Otteson

Teresa Otteson, 89, of Staples, passed away at Lakewood Health System Care Center, Staples surrounded by family, March 4, 2019.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 6 at 11:00 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, with Pastor Carl Larson officiating. Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. prior to the service at the church.

Teresa Margaret Otteson was born May 12, 1929 in Park Rapids to John and Mary (Kaluzka) Kruse. Teresa worked at Wimpys Café in Park Rapids at an early age, where she met Lloyd. Their relationship had many great memories and stories that they shared with family and friends. They spent many weekends dancing at their favorite place, Chateau Paulette's in Dorset, where people would clear the dance floor to watch them. Teresa married Lloyd on February 18, 1949 in Nevis. They moved to Staples shortly after and started their family while living with Grandpa and Grandma Otteson. There are many memories and stories of growing up on the farm. Teresa started working at the Carter Ringer plant in Staples until the company closed, she then became the "most wanted" daycare provider around with a houseful that all called them grandpa and grandma. She was a great loving and caring mentor to all. Teresa was fun loving, free spirited and loved having a good time. Sunday drives and going to the lake in the summer were her favorite things. She would start packing a month before they would leave. It would be time spent with family, which meant the world to her. She always had a warm smile and hug for everyone. Teresa made great friends while living at Lakewood Pines, in Staples before moving to the LHS Care Center.

Teresa is survived by three sons, Rick (Deb) Otteson, Craig (Sandy) Otteson and Jim (Mary Jo) Otteson; two daughters Judy (Tom) Hall and Pam Otteson; daughter-in-law, Toni Otteson; son-in-law, John Riewer; 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Al Wheeler and Bob Kruse.

She is preceded in death by her husband; three sons, Steve, Gary and Brian; one grandson, Charlie Otteson; one great-grandson, Brandon Buckentine; daughter-in-law, Kim Riewer and two brothers, Jerry and Donald Kruse.

Arrangements by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples.

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Leona Crider

Leona J. Bjerga Crider, 96, of Motley passed away March 22, 2019 at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Funeral services will be held, Thursday, March 28, at 11 a.m. at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Motley, with visitation one hour prior to the services at the church.

Interment will be at the Motley Cemetery.

Leona was the youngest of 10 children born to Rudolph A. and Esther (Fergusson) Quade in May Township. In 1941, she married Mikkell Bjerga in Motley. Leona worked as a nurse's aide at the United District Hospital in Staples for 20 years. She enjoyed viewing wildlife, sewing, crocheting, fishing and visiting with friends and family.

She is survived by three sons, Rudy (Joan) of Staples, Mike (Judy) of Motley and Dale (Lorna) of Havre, MT; seven grandchildren, Laurie (Mike) Craft, Gloria (Barry) Jansson, Rudy (Mary) Bjerga, Joey (Lorrie) Bjerga, Daniel (Lisa) Bjerga, Philip (Heidi) Bjerga, Missy (Tim) Tureson; 14 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, Mikkell Bjerga and second husband, Kenneth Crider; and nine siblings.

Arrangements were by Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

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Helen Hicks

Helen Frances Hicks, 82, of Pillager, passed away March 21, 2019, at United Hospital, in St. Paul.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 28, at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Pillager, with visitation one hour prior to services at the church.

Interment will be at Bridgeman Cemetery.

Helen was born in Iowa City, Iowa to William and Ida (Druecker) Durst.

She married Donald Hicks and together they had four children.

Helen is survived by one daughter, Debra (Joel) Logan of Mason City, Iowa; three sons, Gene (Jenny) Hicks of Eagan, Jay Hicks and Jerry (Conni) Hicks both of Pillager; one sister, Delores Haggerty of Kent, WA; 12 grandchildren, Garrett (Celeste) Johnson, Derek Hicks, Emme Hicks, Mia Hicks, Natasha (Ben) Kosharek, Jason (Erica) Hicks, Jeremy (Jaclyn) Hicks, Josiah (Shirley Galaway) Hicks, Janel Hicks, Jorden (Joe) Thatcher, Threasa (Simon) Andrys, Debra (Andrew Ralph) Hicks; 14 great-grandchildren.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one sister, Shirley DeBoer and one brother, William Durst, Jr.

Arrangements were by Halvorson Taylor Funeral Home, Brainerd.

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Barry Johnson

Barry Evan Johnson, 81, of Aldrich, died March 19, 2019, at Lakewood Health Systems Hospital in Staples.

Services were held March 23, at the Motley Free Methodist Church with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating.

Barry was born December 22, 1937, to Gordon and Lillian (Bendson) Johnson in Pine River. He graduated from Staples High School in 1955. Barry married Irene Spilman on February 8, 1959 in Staples.

He is survived by his wife; seven children, Terry of Fargo, ND, Tammy of Aldrich, Kathy of Brainerd, Charles of Billings, MT, Georgetown of Vining, Ted of St. Cloud, Tim of Fargo; one sister, Karen of Oyen; four brothers, Curtis of Hoffman, Greg of Motley, Jeff of Staples, Scott of Leader; many very special

grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Claudette and Rita; two grandsons, Dylan and Jake; great-grandson, Stewart; one brother, Lonnie and one sister, Linda.

Arrangements were by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples.

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Ernest Johnson

Ernest "Ernie" Johnson, 87, of Motley, died March 16, 2019 at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

Services were held March 27 at the Motley Free Methodist Church with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating.

Ernie was born May 8, 1931 in Leader to Clyde and Dorothy (Esler) Johnson. He was raised and attended country school in Leader. Ernie married Marie Hanson on January 14, 1952 in Leader. He worked on a dairy farm, delivered milk and worked for the railroad. Ernie enjoyed hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and going to garage sales.

Ernie is survived by his wife; four sons, Gary (Linda) of Great Falls, MT, Steve (Linda) of Motley, Don (Lindsay) of Great Falls, MT and Randy (Linda Addison) of Pillager; nine

grandchildren, Logan, Ryan, Mark, Sandra, Tori, Alexis, Montana, Brittany, Dilyn; 14 great-grandchildren; one brother, Henry (June) of Walden, CO.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one great-grandchild, Evan.

Arrangements are by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples.

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Allan Draina

Allan Leo Draina, 73, of Clarissa, passed away March 18, 2019, at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Funeral services were held March 21, 2019 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Clarissa with Fr. Mitchell Bechtold officiating.

Interment was held at the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Clarissa.

Allan was born September 11, 1945, in Bertha, to Thomas and Florence (Pogreba) Draina. He was raised on a dairy farm west of Browerville, graduating from Browerville High School in 1963. Allan married Joann Jambor on October 20, 1967. On June 23, 1981, he married Louise Hill. Allan worked at Land O Lakes in Browerville for 38

years until his retirement in 2008. He enjoyed farming, hunting, going to flea markets, toy shows, threshing festivals and collecting farm toys - mostly John Deere.

Allan is survived by his wife, Louise; two sons, Jim Draina and Darin Draina; one daughter, Janet (Jim)



**NOTICE
BECKER TOWNSHIP
ROAD TOUR**

The Becker Township annual Road Tour will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. Meet at the town hall at 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township
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**NOTICE
VILLARD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL
AND EQUALIZATION**

**Important Information
Regarding Property
Assessments
This may affect your
2020 property taxes.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Villard, Todd County, Minnesota shall meet on Monday, April 8, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at the Villard Township Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Mary Trantina Koenig, Clerk
Villard Township
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**TODD COUNTY
2019 BITUMINOUS
PROJECTS
Closing date:
April 8, 2019**

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., April 8, 2019 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

SAP 077-613-003
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SAP 077-637-005
SAP 077-647-003
CP 19:59
CP 19:93
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CP 77-19-04
CP 77-19-07

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Loren Fellbaum,
Todd County Public Works
Director/Engineer
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**NOTICE
BYRON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL
AND EQUALIZATION**

Byron Township will hold their Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting Friday, April 12, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at the Leader Community Hall. Road Inspection Tour at 11:15 a.m.

Becki Rassler, Clerk
Byron Township
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**NOTICE
MOTLEY TOWNSHIP
RESIDENTS**

**Board of Appeal and
Equalization**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Motley, Morrison County, Minnesota shall meet on Friday, April 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Motley Township Town Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

Ken Swecker, Clerk
Motley Township
13-14pnc

**NOTICE
POPLAR TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL
AND EQUALIZATION**

**Important information
Regarding Property
Assessments
This may affect your
2019 property taxes**

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Poplar Township will meet on Thursday, April 4, at 12:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local

board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

The Poplar Town Board regular meetings from April 2019 through December 2019 will be held at the Leader Community Hall in Leader on the second Thursday of the month beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Susan Peet, Clerk
Poplar Township
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**REGION FIVE
DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION TO
APPLY FOR MNDOT
RTCC PHASE II
IMPLEMENTATION
GRANT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) intends to submit an application and work plan for a MNDOT Phase II Implementation Grant.

The goal and objectives of the Region Five (R5) Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RTCC) are to formalize and increase coordination between providers and service agencies that will result in an effective system of transportation options, providing customers easier access to services that meet their travel needs.

The R5 RTCC will be responsible for coordinating transportation services through a network of existing public, private, non-profit transportation providers, and service agents to fill vehicle transit transportation gaps, streamline access to vehicle transportation and provide individuals more travel options.

The R5 RTCC will plan and implement strategies that meet the regional transit coordination needs.

For additional information, please contact Matt Kallroos at mkallroos@regionfive.org or by phone at 218-894-3233.
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**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC SALE OF
TAX-FORFEITED
LANDS**

**Friday, April 5, 2019
10:00 a.m.**

**Todd County
Commissioner
Board Room in the
Historical Court
House
215 1st Avenue S.
Long Prairie, MN
56347**

**New forfeited parcels
and repriced parcels
will be on auction.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the parcels described in the List of Tax-Forfeited Land that is contained herein shall be sold to the highest bidder at public sale. The sale will be governed by the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01 and by the resolution of the Todd County Board of Commissioners authorizing such sale. The resolution reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that all parcels of tax-forfeited land listed on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land be classified as nonconservation land; that the basic sale price of each parcel on List of Tax-Forfeited Land, that is on file with the Clerk of the County Board, be

approved and authorization for a public sale of this land be granted, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01; that the sale will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 5, 2019, by the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer at the Commissioner Board Room in the Historical Courthouse, for not less than the basic sale price; and that all sales shall be full payment or on the terms set forth on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the conditions and terms of the public sale shall be as described in the list of Tax-Forfeited Land contained here-in and approved by the Todd County Board of Commissioners.

Information about the sale of tax-forfeited land in Todd County can be obtained at the office of the County Auditor/Treasurer, Todd County Courthouse, 215 1st Avenue So., Suite 201, Long Prairie, Minnesota, 56347. Telephone: (320) 732-4469 or online at: www.co.todd.mn.us/departments/auditor_treasurer/forfeiture_land
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**NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE**

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 22, 2002

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$65,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Richard T. Vannorman, an unmarried man

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation, as nominee for Washington Mutual Bank, FA

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on January 29, 2002 as Document Number 406496 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on December 14, 2012 as Document Number 482007 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE 1/4 NE 1/4) lying north of Highway #12, Section Thirty-three (33), Township One Hundred Twenty-nine (129) north, Range Thirty-two (32) west of the Fifth P.M., Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 31326 COUNTY ROAD 12, BURTRUM, MN 56318

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$47,339.83

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE

ORIGINATOR: Washington Mutual Bank, FA

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 04-0033701

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100054130002164612

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 16, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on May 18, 2020.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: March 22, 2019

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Mortgagee

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(19-0190-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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**NOTICE
MAY TOWNSHIP
ASSESSMENT
MEETING**

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of May, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the May Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township
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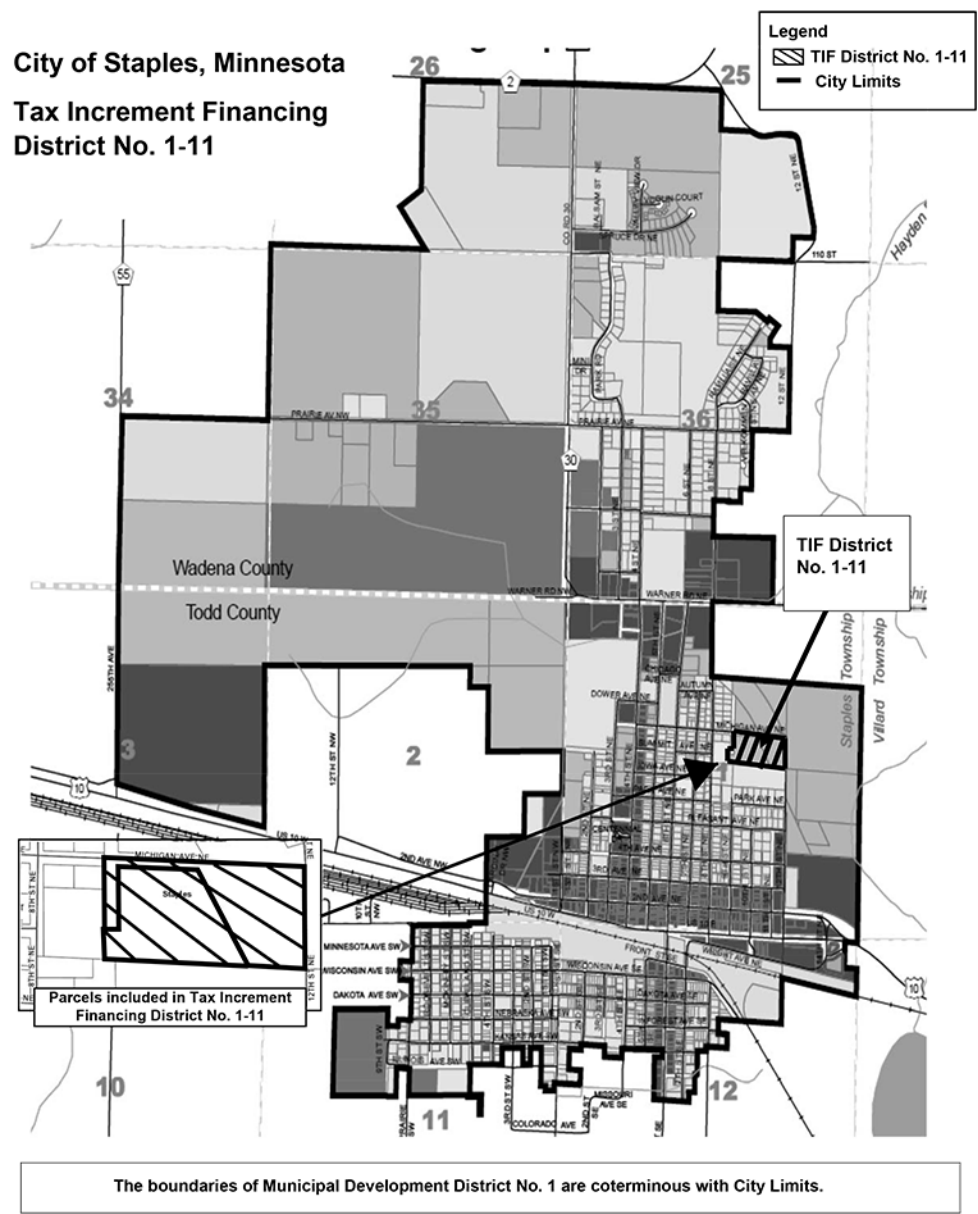
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**CITY OF STAPLES
COUNTY OF TODD
STATE OF MINNESOTA**
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NO. 1-11
WITHIN MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Staples, Todd County, Minnesota, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the City Hall in the City of Staples, Minnesota, relating to the (a) the proposed establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No.1-11 within Municipal Development District No. 1, and (b) the adoption of the Tax Increment Financing Plan relating thereto, all pursuant to and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.174 to 469.1794, inclusive, as amended (the "Act"). Copies of the Tax Increment Financing Plan as proposed to be adopted will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the City Administrator at City Hall.

The property included in Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-11 is described in the Tax Increment Financing Plan on file in the office of the City Administrator. A map of the proposed Tax Increment Financing District is set forth below:



All interested persons may appear at the hearing and present their view orally or in writing.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL,

Dated: February 12, 2019

/s/ Jerel Nelsen, City Administrator

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING
ASSESSMENT AND CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY.
THIS MAY AFFECT YOUR
2020 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the **Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Moose Lake**, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on **Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.** at the Leader Community Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your Assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your Assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Karen Roubal,
Clerk of the Township of Moose Lake
13-14pnc

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SQUARE SHOOTER DEADLINE
Square Shooter advertising deadline:
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Staples World DEADLINES
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JOB OPPORTUNITY: Maintenance Supervisor

The Maintenance Supervisor assists in the management of the day-to-day operations of the County Highway Department Maintenance Division; monitors the quality of road maintenance; assigns work and trains new employees; and related work as apparent or assigned. Entry level salary for the position is \$49,120 with an excellent benefit package.

To be considered, a Swift County application, resumé and cover letter must be received by 4:30 pm on April 5, 2019. An application packet can be found at www.swiftcounty.com/jobs. Questions? Call 320-314-8321.

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**NOTICE
BECKER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL
AND EQUALIZATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Becker, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at the Becker Township Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township
12-13pnc

**ADVERTISEMENT
FOR BIDS**

2019 Multi-Aircraft Storage Hangar Construction
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City of Staples, Minnesota
A.I.P.
No. 3-27-0145-012-18

S.P. No. A7712-37
SEH No. STAPL 147043

Notice is hereby given that sealed Bids will be received by the City of Staples, Minnesota until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 11, 2019, at the Staples City Office - Administration, 122 6th Street NE Staples, MN 56479, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud, for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of 2019 Multi-Aircraft Hangar Construction. Major components of the Work include: hangar building construction, earthwork, site grading, concrete/bituminous paving, and turf establishment.

Bids shall be on the form provided for that purpose and according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH®) dated March 7, 2019.

The Bidding Documents may be seen at the Issuing Office of Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. located at 3535 Vadnais Center Drive Saint Paul, MN 55110-5196.

The Bidding Documents may be viewed for no cost

at <http://www.sehinc.com> by selecting the Project Bid Information link at the bottom of the page and the View Plans option from the menu at the top of the selected project page.

Digital image copies of the Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.sehinc.com> for a fee of \$30. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the PROJECT BID INFORMATION link and by entering eBid-DocTM Number 6205314 on the SEARCH PROJECTS page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

Paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Docu-net Corp. located at 2435 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441 (763.475.9600) for a fee of \$120.

A pre-Bid conference will not be held for this project. Direct all questions to the Engineer five (5) days prior to opening of bids.

Bid security in the amount of five percent

(5%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

A Contractor responding to these Bidding Documents must submit to the City/Owner a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes, Section 16C.285, Subdivision 3.

Bids shall be directed to the City Administrator, securely sealed and endorsed upon the outside wrapper, "BID FOR 2019 MULTI-AIRCRAFT HANGAR CONSTRUCTION, STAPLES MUNICIPAL AIRPORT."

The City of Staples reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of the City of Staples.

Jerel Nelsen
City Administrator

City of Staples, Minnesota
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Students and staff cheer as RoAnn Trout removes the stepstool from underneath Fr. Gabriel's feet... and he stuck

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Staples Police report

On March 4, Staples Police assisted the Wadena County Sheriff's Office with arresting a male subject on a domestic abuse no contact order violation. Daniel Hansen, 58 was arrested.

On March 6, Staples Police received a report of a vehicle that ran a stop sign while the driver was using a cell phone and made another vehicle go into a snow bank.

On March 9, Staples Police responded to a report of a domestic assault at a residence on 6th St NE. After investigation, Jeremy Peterson, 38, was arrested for domestic assault, 5th degree assault, obstructing legal process and disorderly conduct.

On March 9, Staples Police responded to the 500 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE for a report of a domestic disturbance. After

investigation, Christopher Macaulay, 33, was arrested for domestic assault and disorderly conduct.

On March 10, Staples Police received a report of a theft from an unlocked vehicle on the 100 block of Dakota Ave. SE. It was reported that four packages of cigarettes and a wallet had been stolen from a car.

On March 13, Staples Police responded to a report of a two vehicle accident on Hwy 10 at the intersection of 12th street NE. No injuries were reported.

On March 14, Staples Police responded to a two vehicle accident at the intersection of Highway 10 and 14th St. NE. Police cited one driver for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

On March 15, Staples Police received a report

of an assault, terroristic threats, and a property damage complaint.

On March 16, Staples Police located two individuals that appeared to be fighting in the 100 block of 3rd St. NE. Police arrested Daniel Boyer, 41, for 5th degree assault, and for a probation violation.

On March 17, Staples Police responded to a residence at 3rd Ave. NE for a report that someone might be inside the complainants apartment damaging items. Police were informed the complainant wasn't home, but wanted police to check her residence. After police spoke to both individuals involved it was determined that it was a domestic dispute and property dispute, and that no crime had been committed.

Tri-County Health Care
looking at expansion

Tri-County Health Care
press release

Tri-County Health Care, Wadena, has been a long-standing healthcare leader in Wadena, Todd and Otter Tail counties, serving patients starting in 1925. The Wesley Hospital and later adding a new facility and clinics in Wadena and five area communities.

Tri-County has reached a crossroads, in its current facility, which is outdated, cramped, inefficient and cannot accommodate growing services or keep up with changing healthcare needs. The options? Either cut back on services or make an investment in a new or remodeled facility and be a strong entity in Wadena and surrounding area for years to come.

Tri-County has decided to be that strong entity. Last year, Tri-County leaders began evaluating the needs of patients, how a facility can best meet those needs now and in the future. This past fall, the Board of Directors approved an investment in a new or remodeled clinic and hospital.

Tri-County Health Care's top priority is giving its patients high-quality and efficient care. This is difficult when the building itself no longer reflects the excellent care that patients receive.

At nearly 50 years old, the main campus no longer fulfills the growing healthcare needs of modern patients. It faces obstacles of an inefficient layout,

operating rooms that are costly to update, hidden location, poor energy efficiency, lack of parking and limited room for expansion in its current location. These make it difficult to offer the most advanced procedures and services while upholding safe, high-quality care.

Healthcare itself is rapidly changing. When the current building was built 45 years ago, patients who stayed in the hospital (inpatients) made up 90 percent of the care provided and it was designed with that need in mind. Now, inpatients only make up 13 percent of its business, and outpatients represent the greatest growth opportunity.

The growing trend of patient-centered, multi-disciplinary continuity of care requires more departments to be available for outpatients. The current building does not provide that space for outpatient needs or for the growth of care coordination services.

Both the hospital and Wesley building have been remodeled throughout time, but have limited options for expansion and updates. It's also expensive to update old facilities and difficult to remodel without causing major interruptions to patient services. Tri-County's early research has found that it will cost nearly as much to update the current facility as it would to build a new clinic and hospital.

Tri-County Health Care is proud that it's remained

independent in a world where healthcare mergers and acquisitions are taking place across the industry. Almost 70 percent of hospitals in America are part of a large health system, according to The Business of Healthcare. At a time when competing facilities are attracting patients to their newly constructed facilities, Tri-County needs to remain competitive.

"Our strength as a healthcare institution, charged with delivering care that is critical to the wellbeing of our cities, is driven by our communities. It's our reason to exist," said Joel Beiswenger, Tri-County president and CEO. "Healthcare has evolved and continues to change at a fast-paced rate. Our plan for the future must not only reflect this change but anticipate tomorrow."

Tri-County is evaluating all options and has begun looking at potential local sites for development.

Above all, the goal with this project is to build the rural healthcare center of the future to adapt and meet patient needs for another 100 years. The new space will be designed as a healing environment that promotes a healthy lifestyle for everyone. It will include modern strategies for delivering the best patient experience possible while being efficient and flexible, evolving as health- care evolves. Finally, it will serve as a beacon of wellness for generations to come.

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Tradition continues for funeral home

that have developed" with the people in the community, he said.

It has also given Joe valuable insights into the community.

"When you take care of a loved one, you become a part of the family for that short time," said Joe.

He gave an example of a person who attended one of his funerals 37 years ago, and still remembers what Joe wore that day.

"We take that privilege and honor very seriously," said Joe. "I am humbled to become part of families in the area. I care for them as if they are my own family member."

He has learned what families go through in circumstances of death, both from his profession and family experience. Joe's brother was killed in a plane crash, his fishing partner died by suicide, and he had other family members who died unexpectedly.

before they ever had a plan.

"John always talked about being a funeral director, even when we were dating," said Karolyn.

Instead they got into farming and construction, and worked together in those businesses. They also raised four children during that time.

But the funeral business was still on John's mind, so he went back to school in 2008 and started working for Joe Brenny in 2012. Their main connection was that John and Karolyn lived on the farm where Joe's father was born.

Alex is their third child

and is joining them in the new business venture. He is recently engaged and his fiancée Rachel is also from a funeral director family, so she knows what it will be about. "Not everyone gets the profession," said Karolyn.

By purchasing the long-standing funeral home from a cousin and adding the word "family" to the business title, they are showing that they are a family committed to the business.

"This is our next adventure together," said Karolyn.

Memories of
funeral home

Upon Joe Brenny's upcoming retirement, his daughter Maria wrote a facebook post describing what it was like growing up in a funeral home family:

"As a little kid, I played hide-and-seek in the casket display room. My first "paid job" was cleaning the funeral home or scrubbing the white cars back to sparkling in preparation for a cemetery procession. I think I learned to answer the business phone, around the same time I learned basic division. (Imagine calling and hearing my 10-yr old answer, "Brenny Funeral Home, Maria speaking.

May I help you?")

"I grew up around death, which has given me a different perspective on it. I saw old people and tiny little babies die, and every age in-between. I heard the phone ring when the sun was shining, and in the wee hours of the night, on Christmas Eve and on unremarkable days. I watched people come in because of natural causes, accidents, sickness, and suicide. Death is an inevitable part of life, and it's nothing to be afraid of.

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